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1. LI Tze-tsai, one of the directors of the Teong Hwa Chinese School on Godwin Road, Rangoon, and also a leading member of the Kuomintang (Burma) (KMT(B)), has applied to the Commissioner of Police, Rangoon, for the enforcement of section 144 Cr. P.C. (sic) on this school as he fears that a clash may occur between the pro-China Democratic League (Burma) (CDL(B)) and pro-KMT (B) elements of the school.
2. About 20 pro-KMT(B) Chinese ladies, including Mrs. LI Tze-tsai, Mrs. KHAU Boon-tin, Mrs. LI Boon-tin, and Madam HSIA Yen, Principal of the Chung Cheng Chinese School, met at this school on 27 October 1951. They met to form a Preparatory Committee of the Burma Overseas Chinese Women Committee to counteract pro-CDL(B) activities among the women of the Chinese community.
3. Under the auspices of the pro-CDL(B) Burma Chinese Students Union (BCSU), HSU Jih-tsung, Headmaster of the pro-CDL(B) Nan Yang Chinese School, delivered a lecture on "Imperialism, Socialism, Revolution, and Autocracy of the Propertyless Classes" on 28 October 1951.
4. The executive Committee of the pro-CDL(B) Ying Hoe Hakka Chinese Association met at its headquarters on 28 October 1951 under chairman LEONG Fang-kong, and decided not to accept free students unless they are recommended by a member of the association. It was also decided to procure more books about the rehabilitation and reconstruction of New China for the school library. As a result of this resolution, HSIAO Wei-mei, the principal of the school, purchased a considerable number of these books from the Boon Wah and Chen Wen Book Stores on 30 October 1951.
5. The York Tuck Old Students Union, a pro-CDL(B) organization, met at the Sen Kyu Chinese School, Lewis Street, on 27 October 1951 with TSAO Kuo-kiat as chairman, and elected new officers for the coming year.
6. The Executive Committee of the pro-CDL(B) Burma Chinese Cultural and Educational Association (BCCEA) met at the CDL(B) Headquarters on 30 October 1951 with HSIAO Wei-mei as chairman and decided to open a class known as Yep Kyee Evening Class at the Overseas Chinese School, 18th Street, after 5 November 1951. Students above the age of 44 years will be admitted to this class and politics will be one of the subjects taught.

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7. The pro-KMT(B) Kin Wah Chinese School of Kyaukmyaung was opened on 1 November 1951. About 200 pro-KMT(B) Chinese attended.
8. The CDL(B)-sponsored Zin Min Pao of 2 November 1951 reported that the pro-CDL(B) Chinese students of Chung Hwa Chinese School, Myaungmya, addressed copies of a leaflet to the overseas Chinese and the Board of Directors of the school to give effect to the resolution passed at the meeting held on 16 October 1951 that seven teachers for the primary classes be appointed by the School Board of Directors and another seven for the middle class be appointed by the Burma Chinese Teachers' Union (BCTU) which is pro-CDL(B). Since the Board of Directors of the school is predominantly pro-KMT(B), the appointment of the seven Chinese teachers for the middle school was not referred to the pro-CDL(B) BCTU, which caused dissatisfaction among the pro-CDL(B) students. Zin Min Pao urged all patriotic Overseas Chinese of Burma to help the students attain their demand.
9. Seven more members of the pro-CDL(B) Burma Chinese Shop Employees Association (BCSEA) have resigned from the BCSEA. The increasing number of resignations by members of the BCSEA is attributed to persecution of their families by the CCP regime in Communist China.

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